



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced cooler weather yet still had slightly above average temperatures according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Some precipitation was welcomed along the front range while the rest of Colorado received less than average precipitation last week. Producers were allowed 6.8 days in the field with these conditions.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	33	42	25	0
Last Week	21	43	36	0
Last Year	2	24	68	6

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	40	46	0
Last Week	15	41	44	0
Last Year	3	34	58	5

Small Grains: Winter wheat progressed to 73 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Corn progressed to 98 percent mature with 53 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition by the end of the week. Sorghum was 98 percent mature and 26 percent harvested at week's end. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were 65 percent harvested and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions were 92 percent harvested by week's end. Fall potatoes progressed to 92 percent harvested. Sugarbeets were 44 percent harvested and were rated in mostly good condition. Dry beans were 92 percent harvested at the end of the week.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending October 17, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	0	2	16	65	17
Last Year	2	12	23	48	15
Sorghum					
This Week	2	2	17	59	20
Last Year	1	2	20	64	13

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were reported in mostly fair to good condition with the dry weather. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was reported at 68 percent harvested by week's end. The crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 17, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	16	45	35	3
Prev. Year - 2009	5	14	30	40	11
5-Year Avg.	7	18	38	32	5

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending October 17, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	73	67	73	80
Corn				
Mature	98	95	88	95
Harvested	53	32	33	33
Sorghum				
Mature	98	89	79	81
Harvested	26	15	24	27
Dry Onions				
Harvested	92	90	96	96
Dry Beans				
Harvested	92	90	79	81
Alfalfa				
4 th Cutting	68	55	38	48
Fall Potatoes				
Harvested	92	86	93	89
Sunflowers				
Harvested	65	43	36	47
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	44	34	61	39

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	18	68	13
Winter Wheat	2	17	42	37	2
Alfalfa	0	3	25	56	16
Sugarbeets	0	2	11	65	22
Sunflowers	0	7	24	53	16

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.